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Docket No.: 019856-000210US
Ramot Ref. No.: 21031-00-01
NIH Ref. No.: E-353-2003/0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Illana Gozes et al.

Application No.: 10/748,765

Filed: December 29, 2003

For: METHODS OF TREATING
AND/OR PREVENTING
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES

Customer No. 20350

Examiner: C. M. Woodward

Art Unit: 1647

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR
RESTRICTION/SPECIES ELECTION

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Sir:

In response to the requirement for species/restriction election mailed February 28, 2006, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO: 2 (NAPVSIPQ) for examination. The claims readable on this species election are claims 1 and 9-28.

The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the groups and species set forth by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory, and are thus related. As such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I-XII and SEQ ID NOS.: 1-12 would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully

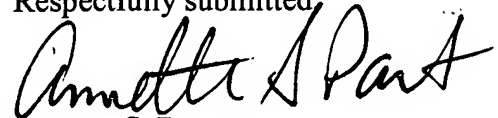
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request that the Examiner withdraw the Election/Restriction Requirement and consider all the claims together.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette S. Parent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Annette" being more prominent.

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